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Hello to students and staff of the Hebrew University,

We continue to update our university's policies with the worsening situation. Our primary goal is to reduce the number of infections, primarily to protect the health of all university students and staff, and in addition, also to increase the chances that we will be able to continue the university's core activities in the coming weeks.

1. The last week of the semester's teaching is remote. Except for the need to conduct examinations, all meetings in the university will be held with less than 10 people in the same room.

2. The use of libraries and computer rooms will be limited, so there will be fewer people in these areas. We are repeatedly emphasizing the need to wear masks when in any closed room on campus.

3. The administrative staff is currently working in shifts ("capsules"). The exact guidelines will be provided by the heads of the units. Services for students will be provided remotely, entirely online, without any physical meeting.

4. It is recommended to avoid eating in common areas. Most campus cafes remain open, but it is better to collect the food and eat in an private area.

5. There is a complete ban on entering the campus in any case of development of symptoms of coronavirus (even if the result of the test was negative). Anyone who lives with a person suffering from coronavirus must not enter the campus during the first week from the appearance of symptoms. In any case of exposure to a confirmed case, it is recommended to wait 48 hours from the date of exposure and then conduct a home test. If the result is negative and then passes the time allowed, you can resume your activities on campus.

6. In examinations, the deans are working to the extent possible, so that most of the examinations will be conducted remotely. In this case, it is recommended to review the guidelines for each case of the examination. Students and staff are not allowed to enter the examination in any case of symptoms of the disease (even if the result of the test was negative), as well as in cases where the student is confirmed, exposed to a confirmed case before the examination, or lives with a person who is confirmed. It is a serious breach of protocol to be present at an examination on campus if there are symptoms or concern for infection. Students who are unable to participate in the examination due to health reasons as stated, will be re-examined on a special date, after receiving a justified request from the student committee. Students who are in a high risk of developing complications in the case of infection or who live with a relative in a high risk of developing complications must contact the department head, to arrange for an examination in a separate room. In special cases, the students should be referred to the student examination unit.

7. The laboratory activities continue, but the heads of laboratories must limit the number of people in the laboratory, according to the physical conditions in the laboratory and the type of activities. The heads of laboratories must submit a written report by the third of January, 11.1.22, regarding the arrangements for the activities of the laboratory. The head of the department must check and approve the arrangements. The examination should be conducted in a separate room, following the guidelines for a separate room, and the examination should be conducted in a separate room.

Enjoy good health. The coming weeks will be a challenge for us all. Please follow all the guidelines carefully, so that we can return to normal life at the beginning of the semester.
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Dear Hebrew University staff and faculty members,

With the worsening of the morbidity situation, we are continuing to update the University’s policy. Our main goal is to reduce the number of cases of infection with the virus, first and foremost to protect the health of all members of the University community, and also to increase the chances that we can carry out the University’s core activities in the coming weeks.

1. Teaching in the last week of the semester is being conducted remotely. Until further notice, except for the purpose of conducting an examination, no meetings will be held on University grounds with the presence of more than 10 people in the same room.

2. The number of active stations will be reduced in the libraries and computer labs, so that there will be fewer people present in these complexes. We reiterate that masks should be worn when you are in enclosed areas.

3. Administrative staff works from now on in “capsules”. Secretariats will offer services remotely.

4. We highly recommended that you avoid eating in common areas. Most of the eateries on campuses remain open, but it is better to pick up the food and take it out with you, to eat in a private space (and not in the eatery itself).

5. It is strictly forbidden to come to campus in any case in which one has developed symptoms of COVID-19 (even if a negative COVID-19 test result is obtained) or of influenza. Anyone living with a verified COVID-19 patient is barred from attending the University for a week from the onset of symptoms. In any case of exposure to a verified COVID-19 patient, wait 48 hours and only then perform a home COVID-19 test. When a negative result on the said COVID-19 test is received, and after the said time, one may return to activity on campus.

6. Regarding exams, the deans work to ensure that as large a portion of the exams as possible take place remotely. A letter to students emphasizes the importance of adhering to academic integrity and highlights our determination to take disciplinary action in any case of fraud. A minority of exams will be held on campus. Exams administered on campus must be conducted while adhering strictly to the rules of caution: maintaining social distance while in the exam hall and enforcement of the obligation to wear a mask during the exam.

For both students and faculty members, the directive is that it is strictly forbidden to come to an on-campus exam in any case in which the person exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 (even if the COVID-19 test that the person took showed a negative result), as well as in cases in which the student is a verified COVID-19 patient, or has been exposed to a verified COVID-19 patient before the exam or is living with a verified COVID-19 patient. Being present for an exam on campus exam with COVID-19 symptoms, or suspicion of having been infected with COVID-19, constitutes a serious disciplinary offense. A student who is unable to attend an exam being held on campus due to such personal medical reasons will sit for the exams during the second exam sitting date, and if necessary, will be eligible to sit for the exam on a special date, after submitting a reasoned application to the department’s teaching committee. Students who are at high risk of developing complications in the event of contracting COVID-19, or students who reside with a family member who is at risk of developing complications as stated, have been instructed to contact the department’s secretariat, in order that the option of sitting for the exam in an isolated room be arranged for him/her. In special cases, please refer the student to the accessibility unit in the Dean of Students office.

7. The activity in the research laboratories continues, but the heads of the laboratories must reduce the number of those present in the laboratory at any given time. Please report the academic unit’s academic director of the arrangements set in the lab. Be sure to wear a mask and instruct students to completely avoid coming to the lab (and to completely avoid coming to campus in general) in any case in which they develop COVID-19 (or flu) symptoms, and also in any case in which the person residing with them has been diagnosed as having COVID-19.
We wish you good health. Hopefully we can get back to routine at the beginning of the second semester.

Best regards,
Asher Cohen, President
Barak Medina, Rector,
Yishai Fraenkel, Vice-President and Director General